

## RELEASE NOTES: 2019 SIPP

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The U.S. Census Bureau released public-use data from the 2019 Survey of Income and Program Participation (2019 SIPP). The 2019 SIPP includes Wave 2 of the 2018 SIPP Panel and Wave 1 of the 2019 SIPP Panel. The data are available in SAS, Stata, and pipe-delimited text formats.

Accompanying the data release are several supporting materials to assist data users:

- (1) A [data dictionary](#) describing all variables in the 2019 dataset
- (2) An updated [SIPP Codebook](#) listing all variables and their definitions
- (3) The 2019 SIPP [instrument specifications](#) providing question wording and response categories
- (4) An updated [Users' Guide](#) to assist data users and provide background on the survey
- (5) [User notes](#) describing nuances and other data issues to be aware of
- (6) [Crosswalks](#) that map 2019 SIPP variables to their analogues in the 2018 SIPP, and vice versa

The SIPP provides comprehensive information about the income and program participation of individuals and households in the United States. The survey collects data and measures change for many topics, including economic well-being, family dynamics, education, assets, health insurance, child care, and food security. SIPP is a longitudinal survey, following the same set of respondents over a four-year period, allowing researchers to understand how these contexts change over time.

The 2019 SIPP faced data collection challenges that resulted in insufficient geographic coverage for some primary sample units (PSUs), and lower-than-average unit response rates nationally. For additional technical documentation and more information about SIPP data quality, please visit the [Technical Documentation](#) page at <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/tech-documentation.html>>.

The 2019 SIPP data release materials are available on the [SIPP website](#) at <[www.census.gov/sipp](http://www.census.gov/sipp)>, as is other information about the survey and a link to download the data. Additional announcements, including notifications of version updates, will be made as necessary through the SIPP website and the SIPP email notification system. To be added to the SIPP email notification system, visit the "[Contact Us](#)" page on the SIPP website at <<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/contact.html>>.